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SUBJECT: TFCD01: CHAD TASK FORCE SITUATION REPORT NO. 9

LOOTING RAMPANT IN N'DJAMENA, CHANCERY STATUS UNCERTAIN

1. (SBU) Embassy N'Djamena reports looters ransacked all USG residences and many local businesses. Post notes no new major engagements between rebels and government forces, and adds most rebel forces remain in some disarray outside the city. Unconfirmed reports indicate Chadian forces expanded control over the city center and may have vacated the chancery compound, according to Embassy N'Djamena.

REBELS REPORTEDLY ACCEPT CEASE-FIRE

2. (U) According to media, a rebel spokesman said the group's forces "have given their agreement" to an immediate cessation of hostilities.

MOST OF THE 170 REMAINING AMCITS DO NOT REQUEST

ASSISTANCE

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¶3. (SBU) Embassy N'Djamena reports approximately 100 Amcits at the Exxon-Mobil oil field in Kome, and an additional 50 Amcits elsewhere in the country do not plan to depart. The French military has brought 13 other Amcits from the Gassi neighborhood to the airport for anticipated evacuation.

NO COMMUNICATION WITH GOVERNMENT, FSNs REPORT TO WORK

¶4. (SBU) Embassy N'Djamena is unable to reach Chadian government officials. A local embassy employee reports some of the local guard force have maintained their posts at the Marine House and the residential compound.

EVACUATED EMBASSY STAFF REMAIN IN YAOUNDE

¶5. (SBU) The Department revised N'Djamena's ordered departure to allow staff and family members to remain in Yaounde for up to ten days. Embassy N'Djamena staff are establishing temporary operations in Cameroon's capital.

REFUGEE FLOW TO CAMEROON INCREASING

¶6. (SBU) Embassy Yaounde confirms Red Cross reports of more than 30,000 refugees in Kousseri, including some Embassy N'Djamena FSN staff and their families.

FRENCH EMBASSY DRAWS DOWN

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¶7. (SBU) Embassy N'Djamena reports the French Embassy is operating on a skeleton crew and is planning to evacuate its chancery if necessary.

¶8. (U) Tripoli minimize considered.
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